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Applicants : Hideki TATEMATSU et al. Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Appl. No. : 10/543,190 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the Abstract, as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.



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Attorney Docket No. P27993**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Transmitted herewith is an **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
 No additional fee is required.

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